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IAC COVERT REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

1. In pursuance of the action of the IAC at its meeting of last Thursday, representatives of the agencies met and agreed to recommend to the IAC the establishment of a subcommittee for the coordination of requirements for covert collection. There is attached hereto for approval a draft terms of reference submitted by the Navy and concurred in by the representatives at the meeting except as indicated in brackets.

2. Also in pursuance of the IAC instruction that immediate steps be taken with regard to sorting out priority requirements in critical areas in Eastern Europe, the group agreed as a first step to prepare by August 6th, agency lists of critical targets which will subsequently be arranged in order of priority.

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DEVELOPMENT OF COORDINATED REQUIREMENTS FOR CLANDESTINE COLLECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID's Numbers 1 and 5, the Intelligence Advisory Committee hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. There is hereby established under the Intelligence Advisory Committee the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Interagency Priorities Committee or I.P.C."). The Interagency Priorities Committee will perform the following functions in connection with the clandestine collection of foreign information outside the U. S. and Possessions and related problems:

a. Determine those foreign information requirements of the U. S. Government which require collection by clandestine means and prepare and maintain a current listing of those clandestine collection targets deemed to have a priority status in terms of the over-all interests of the U. S. Government.

b. Exercise all powers of decision for Air dissent: "to represent" the IAC member agencies on matters pertaining to their respective interests in the field of clandestine collection of foreign information including: selection and establishment of priority standing for clandestine collection targets; diversion or concentration of clandestine collection capabilities.

c. In order that the priority lists referred to above be as realistic as possible, and to insure maximum utilization of the resources of CIA, it would be necessary that the members of the committee be briefed on a continuing basis on the capabilities of CIA for clandestine collection, by areas.

2. The Interagency Priorities Committee (IPC) will be composed of one principal and two alternate members from each of the following Departments and Agencies: The Department of State, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Air Force, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

3. The Interagency Priorities Committee members will be vested with authority to represent their respective Departments or Agencies on matters pertaining to the clandestine collection of foreign information outside the United States and its Possessions in the performance of the functions set forth in paragraph one, and each Department or Agency will be represented at each meeting by at least one member, with the necessary power to act.

4. Decisions of the Interagency Priority Committee will be based on the principal of unanimity which shall be a prerequisite for matters within the purview of the I.P.C., except that the Chairman shall be elected by majority vote. When decision cannot be reached, the Inter-agency Priorities Committee will promptly refer the matter for

resolution to the Intelligence Advisory Committee [provided that when unanimity is not obtained between the Service department members of the Department of Defense, the I.P.C. shall present the problem to the Joint Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff before presenting it to the Intelligence Advisory Committee.] (A-2 prefers the bracketed portion be omitted).

5. As used in this directive, "clandestine collection activities" are understood to be intelligence collection activities or operations, whether by agent, reconnaissance, patrol or observation, which are conducted or sponsored by the U. S. Government, in order to acquire intelligence on foreign states or groups, but which are planned and conducted in such a manner that:

a. Any U. S. Government responsibility for the clandestine activities is not evident to unauthorized persons, or

b. The U. S. Government can plausibly disclaim any responsibility for them if uncovered, or

c. Although conducted in accordance with paragraphs a. and b. above, a calculated risk is taken that disclosure or compromise would be justified by the results expected.

6. As the agency of primary responsibility in the field of clandestine collection of foreign information outside the United States and its Possessions, the Central Intelligence Agency shall establish the necessary Secretariat for the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee.